

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the present application in view of the foregoing amendments to the claims.

In the present Reply, claim 1 has been amended. Also, claims 5-9 stand withdrawn from consideration. Thus, claims 1-9 are pending in the present application. No new matter has been added by way of the amendment to claim 1 (which is an adoption of the Examiner's suggested amendment).

Based upon the above considerations, entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the outstanding objection and rejection and allow the currently pending claims.

Claim Objection

Claim 1 stands objected to due to an informality. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claim 1 recites "formulae," since this term is the plural form of "formula". This term does not correspond to the British spelling. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Issues Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for a reason of indefiniteness. Applicants respectfully traverse, and reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully refer the Examiner to the scope of claim 1 as presented herein. Applicants agree with the Examiner's assessment, wherein the claim language reflects what is discussed in the Office Action at page 4, lines 5-7. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration given to the pending claims. As mentioned in the Office Action, claims 1-4 would be allowable if sufficiently rewritten to overcome the rejection cited under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Because it is believed that this rejection has been overcome, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

A full and complete response has been made to all issues as cited in the Office Action. Applicants have taken substantial steps in efforts to advance prosecution of the present application. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance issue for the present case.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Eugene T. Perez (Reg. No. 48,501) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

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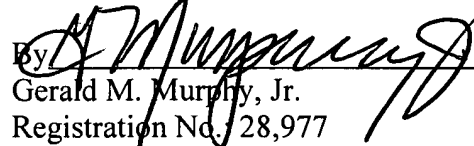
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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